

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain in the application and claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 15, and 17 have been amended hereby. Claims 19-23 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Inanaga et al.

It is respectfully submitted that Inanaga et al. fails to disclose synthesizing M source information to produce N source information corresponding to N synthesized sound source signals based on source information of each of the M sound source signals.

Elements 38, 64, 31, 32, 33, and 44 of Inanaga et al. merely show position information regarding a motion of a listener's head and not of a sound source such as in the presently claimed invention.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that Inanaga et al. fails to disclose synthesizing M sound source signals based on source information of each of the M sound source signals. Elements 6, 8, 10, and 12 of Inanaga et al. are means for storing impulse responses corresponding to a direction of a motion of a listener's head and not synthesizing means such as in the presently claimed invention.

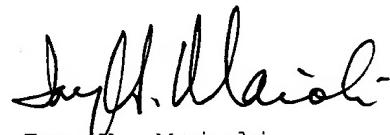
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 17, and the claims depending

therefrom, are not anticipated by Inanaga et al.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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